

**ROUGH DRAFT  
TOWN OF DUNE ACRES  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
July 17, 2007**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at the Town Hall. Councilwoman Louise Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Councilperson Ben Bolton, Clerk-Treasurer Beverly Hubbs, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Sherry King, and Town Attorney Dan Whitten were in attendance. Louise Roberts opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Ben Bolton moved that the minutes for the Executive meeting June 18, 2007 and the Town Council meeting for June 19, 2007 be approved. Lou Roberts seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF:**

Porter Bank – Checking	\$ 154,570.98
Horizon Bank 90 Day CD	\$ 58,087.60
Chase Bank - Savings	\$ 135369.85
Record Balance	\$ 348028.43

Ben Bolton moved that the financial report be accepted as presented. Lou Roberts seconded, and the financial report was accepted unanimously.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

Ben Bolton moved that the claims for July 2007 plus \$5500.00 to the Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc in the amount of \$33,474.54 be accepted. Lou Roberts seconded and the motion passed. (See attachment)

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Porter County Auditor – 2008 Budget Revenue Estimates from Auditor of State  
Porter Beach Property Owners Association – donation to fireworks  
Notice of Claim against the Town by Joyce Person for a slip and fall injury

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

**FIRE:** Mark Hull  
Nothing to report.

**MUNICIPAL CODE:** Bill Nixon  
Planning early fall for rewrite.

**ROADS & ENGINEERING:** Irv Call

Lou Roberts reported that the lock on the exit road on the east end is missing. Irv will replace it.

**PARK:** Kellie Klein

Bob Hartmann will not be continuing the tennis lessons but Kellie reports that a tennis camp is being planned for early August.

**CLUBHOUSE:** Rick Demkovich

There are three more parties scheduled other than Town parties. The clubhouse needs a few minor repairs but otherwise is in good shape. Tom Roberts has had the big north window, which had become cloudy, replaced. The gardens look great.

**MAINTENANCE:** Mike Konopacki

There was another problem with water leaking into the Town Hall and that has been repaired. The spigot in the warming room will be removed and a frost-proof hydrant installed outside. A cottonwood tree near the clubhouse needs to be removed. He will get bids. Mike asked the Council to approve purchase for \$2159 of a tow-behind mower, which would be pulled behind our regular mower and would be capable of chopping brush, on a 6 month trial basis. Money is available in the maintenance budget. Ben Bolton moved to authorize Mike to make this purchase, Lou Roberts seconded, and the motion passed.

SECURITY: Cecilia Call  
Nothing to report.

ENVIRONMENT: Cheryl Evans  
Nothing to report.

BUILDING: John Sullivan  
The McCarthy deck was approved as changed by the Plan Commission and John recommended that the building permit be issued. Other projects are going well.

SIGNS: Jeff Swoger  
There are a couple loose ends, but they should be complete by the end of the month.

WATER: Ben Bolton  
IAWC has provided preliminary plans for upgrading the pipes on 8 town roads, Linden, Hill, Circle, Crest, Fern, Pine, Ridge and \_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_. They will be replacing old 6" stucco mains with 8 inch iron mains, at a cost to them of about half a million dollars and giving us a world class water system. They plan to start in late August or early September and finish by the end of the year. They will try to minimize the road disturbance but we will probably have some gravel streets through the winter season.

FOURTH OF JULY: Linda Swoger  
Linda thanked the following people for their efforts for the Independence Day festivities: Carol & Tom Cornwell, Sue Smith & the Carstens, Dusty & Alex Stemer, Bobbi & Richard Taylor, Kellie & Todd Klein, Bob Pucel, Carolyn Weinberg, Emilie & Linus Schrage, Cathy & Peter Bomberger, Ruth & Ben Bolton, Kathleen & Mark Hull, and Lois & Bill Nixon. Mark Hull asked that we thank the Porter Fire Department for their help. Lou Roberts moved that we send \$400 from the fireworks fund to them in appreciation, Ben seconded and the motion passed. Ben asked Mark to write a letter of appreciation to be sent with the check.

OLD BUSINESS:  
Clubhouse bids: Rick Demkovich reported that he has requested proposals for the clubhouse restoration project from various companies. He asked that they be returned by August 1 to be acted upon within 2 weeks. However, he will send them an addendum revising that the bids are to be acted upon at the next following Council meeting. He has scheduled a walk-through pre-bid meeting which they can attend before bidding. His committee will look at the bids, get input from Dave Rearick and John Sullivan, and make recommendations to the Council. Town Attorney Dan Whitten will also look at the proposals and potential contracts.

Rick said that a copy of the exhaustive study done by Gilmore/Franzen Architects was provided to each company and they were asked to bid on that plan, but also submit whatever proposals or ideas they might have as well. He believes that will make it possible to have comparable bids.

Bob Evans asked to present a written set of questions related to the Richardson Wildlife Sanctuary. Town Attorney Dan Whitten said that the RWS had sent the Town a petition to operate a park-like sanctuary which must be authorized by the Town Council, and will be considered under new business. Bob Evans agreed to delay this discussion until that time.

NEW BUSINESS:  
Lou Roberts asked that any Commissioner with special requests for 2008 budget please let the Clerk-Treasurer's office know.

Ordinance 2007-3 dealing with Garbage and refuse containers was tabled until John Wilhelm, who was the author of said ordinance, returns.

Ben Bolton moved to add one week's pay for Emily Cheek to the vacation pay Ordinance 2007-2, which was approved at the June Council meeting, Lou Roberts seconded, and the amendment passed.

Lou Roberts read a petition from the Richardson Wildlife Sanctuary to authorize the use of the property as a park-like sanctuary. She noted that this action would be final. After this reading, discussion was invited. No discussion followed. Ben Bolton moved that the Council not authorize the use of the property as a park-like sanctuary and to deny the petition, Lou Roberts seconded and the motion carried.

Ben moved to approve the McCarthy deck addition on Summit as approved by the Plan Commission, Lou Roberts seconded, and the motion passed.

Carol Cornwell reported that the Dune Acres team came in first out of twelve teams, and raised \$5500, She thanked Jeff and Linda Swoger for a sign (which can be used again), Heidi Sullivan for her donation of her musical talent, and the twenty people who walked in the relay. Lou Roberts thanked Carol for heading this project.

OTHER:

Cheryl Evans asked what would be done about the parking lot, posts, and stairs at the Richardson Wildlife Sanctuary. Lou Roberts said that would have to be studied and could not be addressed at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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JOHN WILHELM, Town Council President

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LOU ROBERTS, Town Council Member

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BENJAMIN BOLTON, Town Council Member

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Beverly Hubbs, Clerk-Treasurer

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Sherry King, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer